

Problem Statement: Specific impacts on Sanctuary resources from fishing activities are complex and therefore difficult to document and manage. Some of the issues related to fishing or harvesting activities to be explored by the working group include: 1) impacts on benthic habitats from fishing gear, such as bottom trawling and longlines, 2) potential impacts to higher trophic levels from over-harvesting forage/ lower trophic level species (e.g. krill), and 3) historic over-harvesting of targeted fish populations and the waste of by-catch, and 4) the lack of ecosystem-oriented fisheries management plans.

GOAL (what)	OBJECTIVE/STRATEGY (what)	ACTION (how)
1. Only sustainable fishing activities (including gear), that don't interfere with a functional ecosystem, will take place in the sanctuary to avoid impacts on the Sanctuary's living marine resources and habitats.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote Sanctuary participation on PFMC 2. Proactively rather than reactively manage fisheries. 3. Promote adaptive management plans. 4. Adopt or adapt appropriate sustainable fishery definition for the sanctuaries 5. Identify which fisheries are sustainable. 6. Develop understanding of sustainable gear types. 7. Develop partnerships with fisherman's organizations and NGOs 	<p>Education/Outreach 2c/7b. Encourage information exchange between the Sanctuary and fishing interests.</p> <p>Research/Monitoring 2c/7b. Identify spawning times (work with industry) 2a. Compile and assess all available data on Cordell fisheries (biological, catch data, gear impacts), and conduct gaps analysis 3b/7a. Monitor and reevaluate existing management plans with partners (NMFS, etc). 6b. Develop workgroup to evaluate gear impacts on Cordell Bank</p> <p>Marine Resource Protection 2c. Ban fishing during identified spawning times. 2d. Eliminate discard as a management tool 2b/3a. Anticipate, evaluate, and recommend management actions for future and emerging fisheries 1b. Recommend to PFMC how fishing allocation should be appropriately distributed amongst all proven sustainable fisheries. 5a. Develop workgroup to define a sustainable fishery</p> <p>Administration 1a. Identify and get a seat for regional sanctuary representative on PFMC</p>